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**NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND HIGH INTENSITY DRUG TRAFFICKING AREA  
("NEW ENGLAND HIDTA") TASK FORCE**

**THIRD GUILTY PLEA ENTERED IN SALEM MARIJUANA RING CASE**

**Re: United States v. Sean Boyd**

**CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE:** United States Attorney Tom Colantuono, Drug Enforcement Administration Resident Agent in Charge Leo Ducey, and Salem Police Chief Paul Donovan announced that **Sean BOYD**, date of birth of June 28, 1976, of Haverhill, Massachusetts was convicted today on federal marijuana distribution charges.

Boyd entered a guilty plea before U.S. District Judge Paul J. Barbadoro to an information charging him with possession with intent to distribute marijuana. Boyd will be sentenced by Judge DiClerico on September 29, 2003 in U.S. District Court in Concord. Boyd faces a maximum sentence of 10 years imprisonment.

Boyd was arrested in November, 2003 along with seven others as part of a sting operation conducted by the Drug Enforcement Administration's Northern New England High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area ("New England HIDTA") Task Force and the Salem Police Department. A Criminal Complaint against these individuals, issued by U.S. Magistrate Judge James R. Muirhead on January 22, 2003, alleged that they participated in a conspiracy to distribute over 100 kilos of marijuana in southeastern New Hampshire and northeastern Massachusetts between January, 2000 and November, 2002.

Boyd is the third of the eight to enter a guilty plea. Co-defendants **Jose L. MADERA**, of Methuen, Massachusetts and **Arthur SOBERON**, of Salem, New Hampshire have already entered guilty pleas to marijuana trafficking charges.

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U.S. Attorney Colantuono stated, “This multi-defendant case involving interstate marijuana trafficking is a prime example of the effectiveness of New England HIDTA, and the Northern New England HIDTA Task Force. I will continue to commit federal resources to these efforts.”

The prosecution is being handled by Assistant United States Attorney Joseph N. Laplante, the Lead Attorney for the District of New Hampshire in the New England Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (“New England OCDEF”).